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SUBJECT: COFFEE -- MEETING OF ICO EXECUTIVE BOARD

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1. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO) MET MARCH 3, WITH A NUMBER OF ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA. THIS CABLE CONCERNS ITEM 4, VERIFICATION OF STOCKS.

2. AT ISSUE UNDER ITEM 4 WAS APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT RULES FOR THE ANNUAL VERIFICATION OF STOCKS. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, DURING AN EARLIER WORKING GROUP MEETING, CONTROVERSY HAD ARISEN OVER A SECRETARIAT

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PROPOSAL THAT SAMPLES OF "MINIMUM EXPORT QUALITY" COFFEE BE FURNISHED THE ICO. COLOMBIA, PARTICULARLY, HAD OPPOSED THIS. AT THE MARCH 4 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, HOWEVER, A COMPROMISE WAS EASILY REACHED, AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) THE RULES WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR ONLY, THEREBY REQUIRING REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REVISION (FRG PROPOSAL).
- (B) DISCRETIONARY SUBMISSION OF SAMPLES BY EXPORTERS, IN ORDER TO "ASSIST THE SURVEYING AGENCY" AND CONTRIBUTE TO EFFICIENCY. (PARA 3 OF A MEXICAN PROPOSAL, WP BOARD 143). THIS WOULD REPLACE PARAS. 6 AND 7 OF WP BOARD 141 (DRAFT RULES); LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 20 AND PARA 22 (D) WOULD BE DELETED.
- (C) ADOPTION OF NEW PARA BASED UPON PARA 5 OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL, ENJOINING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO "FOLLOW CLOSELY THE WORK AND CONCLUSION OF THE SURVEYING AGENCY" AND PROPOSE APPROPRIATE

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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE
A GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE SYSTEM.

3. US REP ASKED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (LOUDON) TO
EXPLAIN EFFECT OF DELETION OF PARA 7 FROM DRAFT RULES,
WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED SEPARATE REPORTING OF COFFEE,
COUNTED IN APPROVED WAREHOUSES, WHICH WAS BELOW EX-
PORTABLE QUALITY. LOUDON REPLIED PARA 7 IS SUPERFLU-
OUS SINCE (A) AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AGENT THE
SURVEYING AGENCY IS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE EXECU-
TIVE DIRECTOR (I.E., RULES ON WHAT INFO SHOULD BE
PASSED TO THE HOME OFFICE IS AN INTERNAL MATTER); AND
(B) UNDER THE TERMS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION 286, THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS THE CLEAR DUTY TO REPORT TO
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THE MEMBERSHIP ANY COFFEE FOUND WHICH FAILS TO MEET
THE "MINIMUM EXPORT QUALITY" STANDARD. THIS EXPLANA-
TION WAS NOT CHALLENGED.

4. COMMENT: END RESULT WAS THAT THE SECRETARIAT
GOT AN APPROVED SET OF RULES ON VERIFICATION WHICH
IT CAN EASILY LIVE WITH. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORITY OVER HIS AGENT -- ONE OF THE POINTS EMERGING
FROM EARLIER DEBATE WHICH WAS PARTICULARLY TROUBLING --
HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. WHILE SOME EXPORTERS WILL UN-

PRESSURE UPON ALL TO CONFORM. EXPLICIT RECOGNITION THAT
THE FIRST YEAR WILL BE AN EXPERIMENTAL ONE IS AN IM-
PROVEMENT. MEXICO, THE FRG AND COSTA RICA MADE PARTI-
CULARLY USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE BOARD MEETING.
INTENSIVE CONQULTATIONS IN THE DAYS JUST BEFORE THE
MEETING, BETWEEN LONDON REPS OF COLOMBIA, BRAZIL,
GUATEMALA, MEXICO, COSTA RICA, THE US AND WITH THE
ICO SECRETARIAT WERE ALSO USEFUL IN HEADING OFF WHAT
COULD HAVE BECOME A SERIOUS DISPUTE -- INVOLVING
PRINCIPALLY THE PRODUCERS AND THE SECRETARIAT -- ON
A MAJOR POINT IN THE OPERATION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

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